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Dr. Walter Schubert)	
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Filed: October 16, 2003)	Art Unit: 1797
For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PREPARING BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES FOR ANALYSIS)	Attorney Docket No.: S159 1030.1

2nd Information Disclosure Statement

Commissioner for Patents
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- copies of Items FP3-FP6 and NPL1-NPL5 are attached hereto;

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Applicants also request that the Examiner review the below-listed patent applications, and refer to prosecution of same throughout prosecution of the present application.

- U.S. Patent Application No. 10/129,316, U.S. National Phase based on PCT/EP01/10075, International Filing Date August 31, 2001
- U.S. Patent Application No. 12/282,687, U.S. National Phase based on PCT/EP07/002418, International Filing Date March 19, 2007
- U.S. Patent Application No. 11/909,357, U.S. National Phase based on PCT/EP06/002569, International Filing Date March 21, 2006
- U.S. Patent Application No. 11/411,522, Filing Date April 26, 2006

- U.S. Patent Application No. 11/411,254, Filing Date April 26, 2006
- U.S. Patent Application No. 12/282,022, U.S. National Phase based on
PCT/EP07/002087, International Filing Date March 9, 2007

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Respectfully submitted,



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